

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2004-100-E

Application of Carolina Power & Light Company d/b/a Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity

On April 8, 2004 Carolina Power & Light Company d/b/a Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc (PEC) filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-33-10 et seq. (1976) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity, as required under the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act for the proposed construction and operation of two 230 kV transmission lines; the first from its Florence transmission substation near Florence to its Marion transmission substation near Marion in Florence, Dillon and Marion Counties in South Carolina; and the second from its Nichols transmission substation near Nichols to the South Carolina/North Carolina state line, in Marion and Horry Counties in South Carolina. As stated in the Application, these transmission lines are needed to prevent overloading of the existing lines in the Florence – Marion – Whiteville area and a degradation of reliability to unacceptable levels by mid-2007. Construction of these lines will help ensure a continued reliable supply of electric service to homes and businesses. The length of the proposed Florence – Marion line is approximately 29 miles, and the length of the proposed line from Nichols to the South Carolina/North Carolina state line is approximately 6.7 miles.

A public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room at Synergy Business Park, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina, **commencing on Wednesday, June 30, 2004, at 10:30 A.M.**

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence should notify, in writing, the undersigned and Mr. Len S. Anthony, Deputy General Counsel – Regulatory Affairs, Progress Energy Service Company, 410 South Wilmington Street/PEB 17A4, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27602 on or before June 2, 2004 and indicate the amount of time required for the presentation.

Any person who wishes to express his views but is unable or does not desire to appear and testify should submit those views to the undersigned in writing, on or before June 2, 2004.

Any person who wishes to participate, as a Party of Record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, on or before June 2, 2004.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5115.

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